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WITH THE BOYS OF 22ND BATTALION ON ATLANTIC COAST

Debert Military Camp, March 28,
via airmail.

For a considerable time we have
not seen news of the 22nd Battal-
ion, for it has taken us a long time
to get settled down in this country.

The 22nd Battalion have been sta-
tioned in Debert, N.S. for about two
weeks and are now fully settled
down and used to their new
surroundings. Practically all of the
3rd Division are now concentrated
here in this huge camp. In addition
there is also the R.C.A.F. here. The
soldiers town is Truro, N.S. and the
town has a hard task in finding
all the soldiers business. We are only
three miles from the Bay of Fundy.

Since coming to the Maritimes, the
boys have had a great deal of free
time and it seems very strange to
meet former pals some 3600 miles
from home. Albert Riddell is here
with the R.C.A.F., Sgt. A. W. Clif-
ford also with the R.C.A.F. and W.
Schulz with the Royal Canadian Corps
at Halifax. The boys here met Con-
stable John Urhie and Stan Hall
who is with the Navy. W. Thorburn
is also stationed there but was
quarantined at the time.

The Murray brothers spent last
end in St. John, N.B. visiting relatives.

Cliff Kluge, Joe McMullen and
Bert Davavenport have all joined
the Army recently.

The hockey season came to an end
recently when the 13th Field Regi-
ment dropped a 7-5 decision to the
Canadian Scotians in the second
round of a knockout competition for
third division clubs. The game was
played at Fredericton on March 21.
Sgt. Clifford (3), Sgt. Lester (2) and
Sgt. Murray (1) accounted for all
the Regiment's goals.

Seen passing across the sand
ground last week was a big blond
muscular man packing a stipe. He
learned later this man was T. R.
James. Good luck, Tommy.

Gru Barbach is training daily in
hopes of a wrestling match when he
meets Herman the German.

Sgt. Clifford and Gen. E. Wood
would like to know how they ever in-
cluded this part of the world in Can-
ada.

The general opinion of the "Blue-
devils" down here is that back in Cal-
gary, they travel around in carts,
ride bounces down the streets, etc.
the true sign of the wild and wooly
west. The boys find it very difficult
to convince them differently, espe-
cially the girls.

Jes' John' Richards is leav-
ing next week for Lethbridge, Quebec
on furlough. Accompanying him will
be Lindsay Dankworth. Joe should
be a good guide for Lindsay in Canada.

What is the attraction in Tro-
Bob? Could it be Stanfield's Factory?

Si-long as today is pay day?

THE WORLD OF WHEAT

By H. G. L. STRANGE

Comparative yields of the recom-
mended standard varieties of wheat
from 1939 and 1940 Crop Testing
Plan and official government tests
have recently become available. The
show most interesting results. One
surprising thing is to find how re-
gent, the latest product of the
Dominion Rust Research Laboratory,
has won up to the top class.
Throughout the west, on the aver-
age, for every ton in question,
Regent yielded slightly more than
any other variety closely followed
however, by Thatcher, Renown and
Apex, and out of the rust area in
Saskatchewan by Marquis. In Al-
berta, where we are on the heads of
the high yielding varieties Marquis,
Red Bob and Thatcher.

This must all be a source of con-



ABYSSINIANS PREPARED—Abyssinians have been burning for an opportunity of throwing off the rule of their hated Italian oppressors, and their resistance is swiftly growing. Abyssinians are now in training with the British forces in the Sudan. In this picture a British N.C.O. is giving instruction to Abyssinian troops in the use of an anti-tank gun.

News Items of Local Interest

J. E. Ostrander was the first man
to life Monday as workmen set to
work getting the yards and machin-
ery in shape for the coming season.

Ven Jenkins who has been born
on sick leave for the past month left
Monday night for Wimipeg. Vic is
a member of the 22nd Battery, activi-

ing officer was here last week. Al-
most all the applicants were to:
be rejected as mechanics pro-
vided he passed the medical examination.

A twin engine airplane from Mc-
Leod was shot down by two anti-aircraft
guns in a field on the outskirts of the
town Sunday morning and was soon
surrounded by a crowd of citizens. The plane was brought to earth here
owing to a tear in the fabric covering one of the wings. The men were
unable to tear right because larger
strips of the fabric hung on.

The plane was being towed to the
airfield when a crowd of townsmen
rushed to land in the field where the
plane was owing to the smallness of the area gave up the
attempt and made a landing on the
reserve and then flew the first miles
over there where the repairs were made.

The announcement of the death of
Mrs. J. A. Blackburn in Edmonton
last week caused a great stir in Gleichen and district. Mrs. Black-
burn, when she first came to Gleichen
was Miss Garret, and Mrs. A. Mac-
Donald died shortly afterwards. Some
years later she was married to Mr.
Blackburn who at that time farmed
some eight miles north of town.
Later they moved to Banff and Mrs.
Blackburn occasionally visited Gleichen.
Mrs. Blackburn was very popular
with the Gleichen people who very
well knew her and her death, after an illness
of some years, was quite a shock to them. The funeral took place at
Banff Tuesday afternoon.

The trees lining the various
streets in town under their can-
opies in the spring last week. More
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subjects, charming and friendly to
all with whom they came in contact.

RED CROSS NOTES

(By Convenor Mrs. S. E. Dafse)

Mondays mark the beginning of
an evening group for local Red Cross
work, some 25 ladies were present to
tackle any work on hand. Much good
was accomplished and we shall look
forward to many evenings of real
home front effort to assist those over
seas who are suffering so much.
Karl the Conqueror, M. M. for the
group, said that the church always
felt that not only gave space freely
to church news in their newspaper
but church news always was a valuable
part of it. Deeply regret his death.
He was one of the most highly
respected citizens of the com-
munity.

Death of V. C. French, dead of
yellow fever, newspaper editors in
Alberta brought many expressions of
condolence from persons connected
with the newspaper, and his obituary
was carried in the newspapers. The
Wetaskiwin "Times" stands as a record
as a record in the province. "His 40
years as a newspaperman, Mr. French
was always fair," said Rev. A. Wingfield.
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Edmonton's welcome to His Ex-
cellency the Earl of Athlone, and
Sir Alexander Galt and Sir George
H. Ross, and the Royal High
ness, Princess Alice was a memorable
one. From the time the vice-regal
visitors first appeared from
their train at the C.N.R. station
until the midday meal of the day
they received an ovation wherever
they visited. Met aboard the vice-regal
train by the Lieutenant Governor,
Premier and mayor with their wives,
and a large number of prominent
citizens.

There was a formal reception at
the Hotel Macdonald, and the
Royal Highnesses were entertained
by the premier and his wife, Mr.
Donald MacArthur, to the strains of
the wedding march played by Mr.
Upton. The ceremony was performed
by Rev. Mr. Upton beneath a canopy
of pink carnations. Mr. Donald Mac-
Arthur was best man.

Following the ceremony refresh-
ments were served, the bride's table
was turned with a wedding cake
and the Royal Highnesses were
invited to cut the cake.

To some small corner where their
loved ones are.

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SEEDTIME
and HARVEST

Dr. K. W. Neary
Director, Agricultural Department

Department of Agriculture and
Cooperative Association

Ten different varieties of hard red
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The afternoon group is growing in
numbers. The average attendance for
March was 20.

Expressions of pieces of old linen
are used for use in the layettes.
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for quilt fillings and any donations of
these will be very acceptable.

At the end of April, Edna Jacques
and her husband will give a
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cert event.

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land

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call home.

For memories bind them with a
shining band,

And so day comes but thoughts are
winged afar,

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partment of Agriculture, Edmonton.

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The Mounting Toll

With the approach of the season when roads dry up under the gentle influence of spring sunshine, when the birds sing their mating songs and all nature seems to come from the bonds of ice-locked winter, the time has arrived when man's spirit on the highways with fresh sharpened scythe ready to "mow them down."

On the one hand a joyous reawakening to new life and vigor; on the other, dire destruction, injury and death.

How many people during the coming summer are destined to spend weeks, months or even years on hospital cots; how many more are going to be impeded in their walk in the casket and covered with a pile of cloths, because of a moment of carelessness, a few seconds of recklessness on the part of someone on the open road?

The fact that most automobile accidents are attributable to carelessness, rather than to the part of drivers cannot be over-emphasized. Once this fact can be driven into the motorists' consciousness, there may be some hope that accident toll figures which continue to climb year by year will be reduced.

Analysis of statistics, where causes of crashes can be determined, shows clearly that at least two out of three accidents in which one or more automobiles are involved are due to mistakes made by the drivers, and not the least of them is fast driving.

A survey of the toll of accidents in a recent year in the United States and published with comment in pamphlet form by one of the life insurance companies demonstrates the need for greater caution by the man behind the wheel once he gets out on to the public thoroughfare, and particularly the still greater need for restraint when driving during the hours of darkness.

Revealing The Causes

The survey showed that the rate of death per accident which involved exceeding the speed limit was 10 per cent higher than the rate of death per accident due to impaired driving practice. In accidents resulting from reckless driving, the rate of death was 32 per cent. worse, and when cars ran off the roadway (because of too much speed, very likely) the rate of death was 37 per cent. worse than the average.

As far as this country is concerned, and the results which it brought in its train were definitely attributable to the use of liquor. Of all drivers of the cars involved in crashes; for we read: "Of all drivers in accidents, 31 per cent. were declared to have been under the influence of liquor. But of all drivers in fatal accidents, 68 per cent. were declared to have been under the influence of liquor, while the fatal accident experience of drivers intoxicated was 118 times the normal."

So we find that most of the accidents involving injury and death could have been avoided had the driver exercised reasonable prudence and care; that a very substantial percentage of these accidents would not have occurred had the driver travelled at reasonable speed, and that in too many cases the result from liquor would have eliminated much suffering and many funerals.

There is another factor which may be a contributing cause of an additional number of accidents in Western Canada this spring and summer and that is the condition of the roads. Due to lack of funds, the outcome of a period of years of depression, we have seen the roads in the prairie states of Alberta and good repair that would have been the best had the west been prosperous. The disintegration which has resulted has been accentuated by an increasing use of heavy and heavily-laden trucks for commercial traffic. These two causes combined have resulted in highways which are not as safe as they ought to be and this condition alone should urge the motorist to use discretion when tempted to press the accelerator down.

A Dull Campaign

If the mounting toll of injuries and death occasioned by the reckless use of the highways is to be curbed and brought down to less startling figures than appear in the annual statements of accident records, it would appear that an all-out campaign of education must be carried out until every driver on the highway is thoroughly alive to the dangers in which carelessness involves himself and others, and is willing to school himself to the exercise of care, caution and courtesy on every occasion and at all times.

It is true that efforts have been made in this direction, as for instance that safety campaign conducted by the R.C.M.P. over the radio. What has been done in this direction to date is not enough. Every agency must be pressed into service to carry on a mass educational campaign among motorists until the exercise of reasonable care is thoroughly grounded into their consciousness and becomes second nature as they get behind the wheel.

Coupled with this there should be complete co-operation between the public and all other agencies and authorities to ensure enforcement of the law and strict adherence to the rules of the road to make the use of the roads safe for the general public whether awhed or afoot.

When public conscience is fully aroused to the necessity for this dual effort it can be taken for granted that injury and death on the highway will be reduced to the minimum, but until then, it will not.

Women Are Like That
Mrs. Williams always asks the price of anything new that I happen to be wearing," said Mrs. Brown. "Rather a cheek don't you think?" "Typical," replied Mrs. Black. "What has she been trying to find out recently?"

"She wanted to know how much I paid for this dress." "What an inquisitive creature she must be! How much did you tell her?"

The German Ambassador managed to drop King George Soda into the living room, so it will be interesting to see what happens if they try to put their feet on the Ottoman.

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Where men salt slender earnings
If goodness comes, or grief is
Where children learn to give and
share,
And living rooms are family worn;
Where green cemetery brawns
The summer drought, and all the
lots Stay flower-fresh, and certain grave
Are favored with forget-me-nots;
The sun themselves when they are
old;
Where friends are proven, neighbors
can trust;
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And living rooms are family worn;
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Where people know each other, and
The drama of each other's lives!
Jane Sayre, in the Country Gentleman.

Waitresses in most cafes in Japan are called "Mr. Girl."

Must Be Treated Decently

Non-Commissioned Officers Not Allowed To Swear At Men

One of the instructions given to non-commissioned officers in the American army who are drilling the recruits in Canada is that they must not swear at the men. This same restriction applies to the Canadian Active Force and the Reserve Force. Officers being "gentlemen," it is presumed that they would not swear anyway.

This marks a distinct change from the old days, when the drill-sergeant and the lower grades of non-coms used to abuse the men in the most appalling manner. It is the marked change in the character of the individual with stripes on his arm. Many there were who, either because of home training or sheer disregard of the rules, obtained the necessary results by using plain English. Others, however, swore because they were the swearing type, and perhaps also because they believed a man could not be made to swear if he did not want to be treated roughly. Some of the men who drilled recruits in the last war were utter brutes. There was quite a difference between the men who crawled through mud and water, faced to face with pestle and mortar, and sank 200 ships unharmed — a small part of the complex irony which this new war, continuing the old one, endures.

He is mentioned in one account of battles in which destruction of 400,000 tons. Only two others came anywhere near the total; only five in all sank as much as 200,000 tons, and only 20 destroyed more than 100,000 tons. The British, however, seem to be particularly friendly figure (he was unparliament when commanding the new cruiser Endon on a goodwill mission to South America) and the Italians were his gallant opposite. When the British killed him with a bomb from the air weapon which has grown into a missile both to submarine and to surface ship. Vice-Admiral Sir John de Periere never had to contend with one who played his murderous game as fairly as possible, but the Italian was a skillful player.

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Blackfoot Indians were to vote yesterday on selling another block of their reserve, but a vote was taken as to whether to refuse to sell with any more of their land. The principal reason they gave was that they hope to increase in population and may need the land for their children in the generations to come.

Mrs. Matilda Harrison, aged 74

needs \$5,500,000

for the Canadian War Services Fund

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